LAW ON TRAIL OF 'REV.' HUNNIGUT'S WEDDING BUREAU

District Attorney Wilson Files Petition.

QUICK INQUIRY IS MADE

Aroused over the conduct of "Rev. George J. S. Hunnicutt, who conducts a "marriage office" near the City Hall, and who is said to employ "cappers" to secure marriage business, The Washington Herald about two months ago investigated Hunnicutt's right to perform marriages, and after thorough examination of the legal questions involved, arrived at the conclusion that Hunnicutt was not a duly ordained minister of the Gospel within the meaning of the law, and that for that reason his authority to perform marriages should be revoked. The Ministers' Alliance took the matter up, and at a meeting resolved to petition the District Supreme Court to revoke Hunnicutt's authority.

HISTORY OF "CHURCH."

Chief Justice Clabaugh, into whose hands the ministers' petition was placed, turned it over to United States District Attorney Wilson, directing him to in-vestigate the matter and make report of Attorney Wilson, directing him to investigate the matter and make report of his findings. Similed McC. Hawkee, assistant United States attorney, was intrusted with the task by Mr. Wilson, and year-risk the first attorney filed his petition to revoke Hunnicutt's authority. Justice Bernard issued a rule against Hunnicutt, requiring him to show cause Friday. December 1, why the authority he has to solemnize marriages should not be revoked.

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Continuing, the opinion says: "Of the fallacy that alleged contemnors cannot too soon unload their minds, for it charges of contempt are true, the contest is against the supremacy of the law shall be more than the supremacy of the law shall be maintained."

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the of their election, as provided code, and that the certificate was filed later was defective.

Incorporation an "Evasion." the incorporation of this church od the alleged ordination of Hunnicutt

of the district attorney, and were devised and intended to deceive and impose upon Justice Barnard and to procure from binn an authority which, had he been fully informed in the premises, he would not have granted. Humicut, according to the petition, has employed "cappers," who intercepted parties on their way to the clerk's office to obtain marriage licenses and solicited of such parties on mixtures of performed. smain marriage licenses and solicited such parties the privilege of perform-the marriage ceremony. It is also their that Hunnicutt pays a portion his fee to the agent or "capper" who in a the business for him. Phis conduct on the part of Hunni-Phis conduct on the part of Hunni-

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ally favorable.

"Petitioner states that the said orge J. S. Hunnicutt is, by reason of the facts set forth above, not entitled to efficiate at marriage ceremonies, and is not a proper or fit person to have au-thority from this honorable court Wilson, United States District Attorney, in his petition to the Dis-trict Supreme Court to revoke Hunnicutt's nuthority to celebrate marriages, granted him October 28, 1910,

ABE MARTIN SAYS:



A romantic girl allus marries scamp

Th' farmer that used t' go home after th' perade now stays fer th'

Among other business transacted was that of electing new members, of whom there was an unusually large

Pekin, Nov. 23.—The situation at Nan-kin, where Gen. Chang, in command of the imperialist forces, is being closely pressed by a large body of revolutionists, is admitted beyond control. Gen-

ists, is admitted beyond control. Gen. Chang is acting on his own responsibility, and his defeat is believed to be only a matter of time. Owing to his attitude the government has practically repudiated him.

Tang Shao Vi, former minister of posts and communication, has declined to serve in Premier Yuan's cabinet. He stated that he desired more freedom in order that he may approach both the government and the revolutionits in the interests of peace. Tang is the prime mover in the scheme for settling the future government of the country.

CHINESE SITUATION IS TALKED OF AT WHITE HOUSE

its talked over with the President

ist he would receive a committee National Wool Growers Asso- and the State associations of Wyoning to-mirrow to discuss a the wool features of the committee in charge of the lecture is controlled in the case in hand, saying that the dectrine can only be applied between suitors before the court in their effort to call the power of the court to netivity in their behalf.

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WRIGHT AGAIN DEALS BLOW AT LABOR LEADERS

"No Faith in Motion in Contempt Case."

VIGOROUS TERMS USED

Judge Daniel Thew Wright, voicing the opinion of the District Supreme Court in general terms, yesterday overruled motions of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison to dismiss contempt proceedings against them on the grounds of the application of the statute of limitations.

He held that contempt of court is not a crime and can therefore not be subject to the statute of limitations. "NO MERIT IN MOTION."

He gives the counsel representing the He gives the counsel representing the labor leaders three days in which to reach an agreement with the committee previously appointed as to a suitable person to be named commissioner to take testimony as to the contempt alleged.
"There being no faith and merit in any

part of the motion, it must be over-ruled," said Justice Wright.

Of the ports of the labor leaders' mo-tion urging the dismissal of the contempt proceedings, he said that they "only be nut aside, for they seem at best frivolous and insurers."

Results from Appeal.

The contempt proceedings in which this decision was rendered are not the original proceedings in which Gompers. Mitchell, and Morrison were sentenced It was unnounced at the meeting that the annual banquet will be held at Rauscher's on December 15, and will be marked by the usual Scotch features, suit of an appeal to the full bench of such as haggis and baggipes. A record attendance is expected this year.

NANKIN WILL FALL.

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Mitchell, and Morrison were sentenced to jail terms, but came up as the remarked by the full bench of the District Supreme Court, from the sentence imposed by Judge Wright.

This case was argued before Judge Wright and hiss associates of the Supreme Court of the District of Co-

lumbia, October 20. The question decided dealt with the application of the statute of limitations to proceedings in contempt, the imputation of inexcusable

The labor leaders contended that as contempt is a criminal charge they should be given the benefit of the doubt and of the statute of limitations, and that more than three years has expired since the contempt alleged was committed, the injunction in the Buck Stove and Range Company's case, which they are said to have violated, having been passed in December, 1907.

Contemnor Termed Insolent.

vanced as grounds for dismissal by holding that the statute of limitations has

paragraphs are not of an affrontive and insolent nature which would justify and

of uncovering what might to be a lack of sincerity wi The court then defines in detail "laches" and sets up that the principle

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DRYDEN HOLDING HIS OWN.

cided desit with the contempt the imputation of inexcusable delay to the court, and whether testimonly in a contempt case should be heard in goen court or before an examinate iner in chancery.

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In the contempt that in the contempt case should be for gain since Stinday, when he was operated upon for gall stones, was in a critical state early this evening in his home, and on the chrough the night.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

P. S. Deret of Agriculture. Weather Bureau. Washington, Toursday, Nov. 29, 1911-8 p. m. temperature will fair Priday in the Lake re-the 19the Valley, Tennesses, and the Kaat Gulf word Priday might and Saturday throughout thants Stales. The temperature will rise Pri-mit the Plans States, Priday and Saturday in the Plans States, Priday and Saturday in the stales.

Local Temperature

Midwight, 20, 2 a. m., 22; 4 a. m., 29; 6 a. m., 29; a. m., 22; 10 a. m., 40; 12 moon, 67; 2 p. m., 30; p. m., 30; 6 p. m., 60; 8 p. m., 60; 10 p. m., 40; animum, 31; minimum, 20

Temperatures in other cities, together with the import of minfall for the twenty-four hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

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Tide Table. To-day—High tide, 10:35 s. m. and 10:37 p. m.; low let 4:41 s. m. and 4:37 p. m. . To-morrow—High tide, 11:35 s. m. and 11:39 p. m.; v tide, 5:35 s. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Condition of the Water. ial to The Washington Herald.

There Ferry, W. Va., Nor. El.—Potenne and
andoah both clear this evening. BIRTHS REPORTED.

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Allen P, and Marie V, Nichola, girl,
Watter C, and Lillie M, Smith, boy,
William and Alice Weber, boy,
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Hyattsville and Mt. Rainier May Change City Rule.

TO OUST OLD OFFICERS

Following the suggestion of The Washington Herald some time ago, two Maryland towns-Mount Rainier and Hyattsville-will within a short time endeavor to adopt the commission form of government, such as exists in this rity, and do away with the mayors and own councils. Already in both towns strong sentiment exists in favor of the plan. In Mount Rainier it is expected that the proposition will be taken up at the next meeting of the town council. The State legislature will be asked to so reform the charter as to make possible the new form of government. CITIZENS TO MEET.

In Hyattaville it is proposed to adopt he new scheme of city government at a neeting of the Citizens' Association. If entiment continues to grow, as it has in the past, the legislature will be asked to amend the city charter, and, if no ob-jection is made to the change, will pro-ceed to oust the city fathers and sup-plant them with a board of commission-

ers.
Enthusiasm for the new plan is widespread, according to officials in both
towns, and there is every evidence that
the changes in government will be made
without serious interference. There are
three ways in which the new form of government may be brought into exist

government may be brought into exist-ence.
First, by the suggestions of citizens, who will individually appeal to the legis-lature to amend the city charters; second, by the present city officials, and, third, by a petition signed by 25 per cent of the voting strength of either town, which will be sent to the city officials.

In the event of objection to the amend-

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Amog the foremost supporters of the project is W. P. Magruder, former town councilman of Hyattsville and a member of the citizens' association. He declares that a large number of the voters of the town have made a careful study of the situation and have found it to be more deconomical, efficient, and stable than the present form of government.

"I doubt whether the present holders of public office are opposed to the change we have advocated," said Mr. Magruder last night. "Certainly they cannot publicly oppose it and retain their strength with the people. The idea of a board of commissioners who will take over the executive and administrative powers of the town council and the mayor merely represents a determination on our part to follow in the example of other cities and towns which lately have decided to test this type of government. test this type of govern

There will be three commissioners of board, exactly as there are in Wash-ton. These will choose their own frman among them. They will be ington. These will choose their own chairman among them. They will be regularly elected, as the mayor and members of the council are now."

The proposition, Mr. Magruder stated, had been widely discussed through the towns for weeks. Sentiment lately has so strongly favored the change that a meeting of the citizens' association will be imperative, unless the town council takes the initiative in the matter.

ELLIOTT'S FRIENDS

STIRRED OVER RECALL

On the heels of Mayor Plant's coun in the town council meeting last week at Mount Rainier, Md., when he gave Coun-climan Thomas C. Elliott, of the Fourth ward, a new lease of political life, has developed a municipal secret. It concerns the recall petition and two days' pe sonal leave from the Treasury De ment granted to Councilman Elliott.

Friends of the recall whisper that Mr. Elliott and his friends are dublous of the recall and are "covering up" before the next council meeting, when action probably will be taken on the petition presented by Robert E. Joyce through a trio of attorneys.

TAYLOR WILL FILED.

Estate Is Divided Between Widow and Two Children.

The will of John Y. Taylor, medical di-rector in the United States navy, who died November 15 last, was filed for probate yelserday. The residue of the es-tate is bequeathed as follows: To his wife, Sabelia H. Taylor, one-third of de-cedent's estate in place of dower during her natural life, same to be divided att-er her death between the two children, Charlotte B. Taylor and Andrew B. Tay-

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M. Rev. R. H. Greene.
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oper, 21, and Lella V. Sneed, 20. Ber. III, and Ada Calvert, III. Ber. John

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MAY SUCCEED DR. WYMAN.

Surgeon Rupert Blue Presented as Candidate by Friends.

Surg. Rupert Blue, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, has been nemiconed as a possible successor to the

mentioned as a possible successor to the late Dr. Walter Wyman as Surgeon General. Friends of Dr. Blue will present his name to President Taft for consideration in filling the vacancy.

He is a native of Scotland County, N. C., and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland in 1822. He took a special course in tropical medicine at the London College of Tropical Medicine in 1899. He was in charge of sanitary work in San Francisco during the bubonic plague epidemic there in 1898 and 1890. He is now on duty in Honolulu, investigating the yellow fever mosquito.

Will Confer on Transfers

A second hearing will be granted by he Commissioners to the temporary conference for the consideration of uni-versal transfer legislation Monday morn-ing at 10:30 o'clock.



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thence to 8t. Mary's Church, where
requisem mass will be solemnized at
9.20 octock. Belatives and friends invited to attend. Interment private.

CROMPTON-On Thursday, November

ROMPTON—On Thursday, November 21, 1911, at 7:30 a.m., HARRY CROMPTON, beloved son of Cather-ine Crompton, in his thirty-ninth year.

year.
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Twenty-sixth street northwest. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Relatives
and friends invited.

and friends invited.

Members of Keane Council, No. 33

Knights of Columbus, are hereby notified of the death of Brother Harry Crompton, at Georgetown University Hospital, on November 23, 1911. Funeral from St. Stephen's Church, Twwn ty-fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, on Saturday, November 25, at 9 a. m. C. W. Darr, G. K. J. A. Flynn, Financial Secretary.

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